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APPLICANT(S): ROBERT JUZWIAK

APPLN. NO.: 10/802,399

FILING DATE: March 17, 2004

TITLE: VEHICLE SIDE STORAGE BOX

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Dear Sir:

As a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application, Applicant files this Petition under 37 CFR 1.53(b) to accept filing under the circumstances that inventor Robert Juzwiak has refused to sign.

Robert Juzwiak was a former employee of the assignee and had an obligation of assignment of all inventions developed in the course of his employment relating to the subject matter of his employment. The present application comprises subject matter for which Mr. Juzwiak had an obligation of assignment to the assignee.

The undersigned attempted to contact Mr. Juzwiak at his last known address, 9410 Corinne, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. On July 30, 2004, U.S. Postal Service Express Mail package (Tracking No. EV177746701US) containing a copy of the patent application, the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents, and a postage-paid return envelope, was mailed to Robert Juzwiak at the above address. According to U.S. Postal Service records, the package was delivered on July 31, 2004 and was signed for by R. Juzwiak. The signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents were not returned as requested. A copy of the letter to Robert Juzwiak, the Express Mail receipt, and the Delivery Status Sheet for the U.S. Postal Service, are attached. An Internet search was performed and no other address could be located in the state of Michigan for Robert Juzwaik. The results of that Internet search are also attached.

The undersigned respectfully submits that factual proof has been presented that diligent effort has been made to contact Mr. Juzwaik at his last known address, as attested to by the undersigned's signature below.

Applicant includes herein a redacted copy of a signed Textron Automotive Company Invention Disclosure form of Robert Juzwiak entitled "Side Storage Box", attorney docket TR01-0036US, which is the underlying disclosure document of Robert Juzwiak that was submitted in this matter. This document was submitted and signed by Robert Juzwiak on March 8, 2001 and witnessed by Steve Savalle and Rick Schlaler on March 8, 2001. This document confirms that Mr. Juzwiak understood an obligation to disclose and assign his inventions to Textron Automotive Company.

Pursuant to MPEP 409.03(g) applicant states that the underlying filing date of the present application is necessary to preserve the rights of the applicant to prevent irreparable damage.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR 1.53(b) have been fully satisfied and the present application be accepted for prosecution on the merits.

It is not believed that there are any fees associated with this petition; however, in the event there any fees are payable, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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Dear Mr. Juzwiak:

We are patent counsel for Collins & Aikman with respect to the above-referenced case. Enclosed please find a copy of the pending application, which you have been named as the inventor.

In accordance with your previous employment obligations, I respectfully request your signature on the enclosed Declaration/Power of Attorney.

Please sign and return the attached Declaration form as soon as possible. A postage paid return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

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